

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17

BY:

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A RESOLUTION to affirm the City of Lakewood's participation in NOPEC's electricity aggregation program and to elect affordable, turnkey clean energy service, among other consumer choices.

WHEREAS, the City Of Lakewood, Ohio ("City") is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and participates in NOPEC's electricity aggregation program ("Aggregation Program"); and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted sustainability goals, a part of which includes increasing the renewable attribute content of the electricity consumed in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of setting an example in the northeast Ohio region and to communities throughout our nation that responsible stewardship of our planet requires deliberate and intentional action on the part of local leaders; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to reduce the overall carbon footprint of the City of Lakewood community by selecting a new NOPEC program by which the environmental attributes of the City's electric aggregation through NOPEC are made up of 100 percent high quality, Green-e certified Renewable Energy Credits (RECs); and

WHEREAS, NOPEC has developed a new green program offering for its member communities with a 100 percent renewable energy content standard default electricity aggregation product that includes RECs for 100 percent of the participating customers' energy usage for any current or new NOPEC member community that selects this program for the upcoming three (3) year NOPEC electric aggregation term (from the January 2023 until January 2026 utility meter reads) ("Green Community Choice Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Green Community Choice Program will include the additional cost of 100 percent Green-e certified RECs for 100 percent of the City's eligible Aggregation Program customers' energy usage who select this plan from among other plans available to Lakewood consumers participating in NOPEC's aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the additional cost for the REC content included in the Green Community Choice Program price is capped and will be no higher than 0.425 cents/kWh over the term of program; and

WHEREAS, the City's eligible Aggregation Program customers will have the option at no cost to the customer to opt-in to the standard NOPEC default product not containing additional RECs, thereby foregoing the additional 0.425 cent/kWh price, or to choose another NOPEC product offering; and

WHEREAS, the NOPEC Green Community Choice Program offering requires that a member community notify NOPEC in writing of its election to choose the Green Community Choice Program (100% REC standard default electricity aggregation product) for the upcoming three (3) year NOPEC Aggregation Program term with legislation adopted by the legislative authority of the community making the election; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this resolution is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, and safety and welfare and to provide for the usual daily operation

of municipal departments, in that timely execution of the agreement is vital to securing favorable pricing for the aggregation program and thereby reducing cost to Lakewood consumers who elect to participate in it. Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

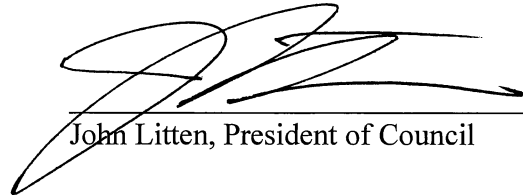
Section 1. This Council hereby affirms the City of Lakewood's participation in NOPEC's electricity aggregation program and approves the City's election to participate in NOPEC's Green Community Choice Program for the upcoming three (3) year NOPEC Aggregation Program term (from the January 2023 through January 2026 utility meter reads). This Council hereby authorizes and ratifies all actions of the Mayor in connection with execution of the City's election to notify NOPEC to participate in NOPEC's Green Community Choice Program.

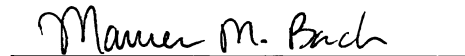
Section 2. This Council hereby acknowledges that the City's election to participate in NOPEC's Green Community Choice Program for the upcoming three (3) year NOPEC Aggregation Program term (from the January 2023 until the January 2026 utility meter read(s) is binding and irrevocable for such three (3) year Aggregation Program term.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

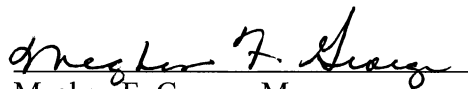
Section 4. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this resolution, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: 5/2/2022


John Litten, President of Council


Maureen M. Bach, Council Clerk

Approved: 5/2/22


Meghan F. George, Mayor